

# Idaho Travel Council Virtual Meeting Thursday, Mar 18, 2021 | 9:00 am to 12:00 pm

Join Zoom Meeting

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Public Meeting Location: Len B. Jordan Bldg., 650 W. State Street, Boise, in the basement, across from the cafeteria, conference room 09. Seating is limited, only 9 seats are available, seating is first come first serve, contact <a href="Diane Norton">Diane Norton</a> to reserve a seat. The public is encouraged to participate via ZOOM.

Idaho Travel Council Members Present	Commerce Staff Present
T- Richard Shaffer, Multi-Region	T- Tom Kealey, Director
T- Mike Fitzpatrick, (Chair) Region VII	Matt Borud, Marketing and Innovation Officer
T- Kayoko Magnus, Region I	T- Diane Norton, Tourism Manager
T- Art McIntosh, Region II	T- Holly Stevenson, Grants
T- Pat Morandi, (Vice-Chair) Region III	T- Tina Caviness, Analyst Associate
T- Shawn Barigar, Region IV	T- Laurie McConnell, Sr. Public Information Officer
T- Jeffery Glissendorf, Region V	T- Nancy Richardson, Sr. Tourism Specialist
T- Lonnie Allen, Region VI	T- Amy Alpers, Tourism Specialist
	T- Andrea Rayburn, Tourism Specialist
	T- Cristin Wondergem, Tourism Specialist
T - Teleconference	

Mike Fitzpatrick, Chair called meeting to order at 9:02 am

#### Welcome

Welcome ITC, Tourism team and participants. Thank Amy Alpers for everything she has done for the Idaho Tourism industry and best wishes on her new adventure.

# Approval of meeting minutes

Action item

January Meeting Minutes – Mike Fitzpatrick, Chair

Motion: Mike Fitzpatrick Seconded: Lonnie Allen

All in Favor Motion approved

#### <u>Introductions – Mike Fitzpatrick, Chair</u>

Mike Fitzpatrick, Chair - Welcome Director Tom Kealey

### **Commerce update**

Director Tom Kealev

- Virtual Governor's Trade Mission
- Test Reactor, Cyber Security
- New Office at Commerce; Broadband
- Hospitality in Idaho is strong
- Low unemployment levels
- Legislative outlook
  - Lowering taxes

- Building Idaho's Future
- Federal Stimulus
- Infrastructure
  - Broadband
- Rebound outlook is strong
- Broadband Task Force
  - o Grants
  - o Commerce budget

# **Program and Collections Update**

### Matt Borud

- Lodging Tax Collections
- Monthly Lodging Tax Collections
- Regional Projections
- STR and Air DNA Census
- Available Vacation Rental Listings
- Regional Vacation Rental Growth
- Traditional Lodging Occupancy %
- Vacation Rental Occupancy %
- Traditional Lodging and Vacation Rental ADR \$
- American Rescue Plan
  - Restaurant Revitalization Fund
  - Shuttered Venue Operators Grant
  - State and Local Funds
  - o EDA Funds / 25% Tourism

### Madden Media Update

Dan Janes and Addy Coleman

- Visit Idaho Prime Campaign
  - o Campaign and Media Strategy
  - Check out VI videos: <a href="https://visitidaho.org/breakaway/">https://visitidaho.org/breakaway/</a> #Breakaway
  - Visit Idaho Giphy <a href="https://giphy.com/visitidaho">https://giphy.com/visitidaho</a>
- Strategic Investments
- Website Traffic YTD (2021 vs. 2020): Overview
  - o States
  - o Top Things to Do
- Strategic Approach
  - Visit Idaho Investment
  - Co-op Management and Media Placement
    - Visit Idaho Co-Op Coordinator, Sam Hettinger
    - Visit Idaho Campaign Extension
    - DMO Core Campaigns
    - Idaho Channel Opportunities
    - Co-Op Process
    - Budget Request Template

## **Red Sky Update**

Jessica Flynn

- Pitch calendar
  - Jet boating
  - Mountain Biking

- Bird watching/Wildlife viewing
- o Cultural experiences; Native American, Basque
- Roadtrips
- Virtual Desksides
- 64 new direct flights from 25 locations
  - o Opportunities to collaborate with the airlines
- Newsletter
- Travel Responsibly

Grant updates Action item

Holly Stevenson

- Grants and Contracts Team
- Membership Allowability
  - Examples presented at the May meeting
- Monitoring Update
  - o 2020 ITC Grantee Monitoring Report
  - o 2021 ITC Application Dates
  - o 2019 ITC Grant Reversions
  - o Training webinars coming this summer
- Scope of Work Change

North Central Idaho Travel Association request to amend the 20-II-02 scope of work

Motion: Art McIntosh Seconded: Lonnie Allen

All in favor Motion approved

#### **Other Discussion**

Mike Fitzpatrick, Chair

- ITC Council regional updates
- Proposal for an Idaho Golf Trail
  - o Diane Norton and Matt Borud Currently fact finding

### **Future Meetings**

- Mike Fitzpatrick highly recommending for the Council to do the next Grant Awards in person.
  - o Diane Norton will research and send out recommendations to the Council
- Coffee Talks will resume | March 25, April 8, 15, and 22 | 9:30 a.m. 10:30 a.m. We conclude Fall 21
- ITC Meeting & Grant Presentations | Thursday, May 6 & Friday, May 7
- ITC Grant Awards July 26-27
- ICORT will be October 4 6, 2021 at The Riverside Hotel, Boise. Registration is \$250.00 pp.

Adjourn Meeting Action item

Mike Fitzpatrick, Chair adjourned meeting 12:00 pm

Motion: Art McIntosh Seconded: Pat Morandi

All in favor

Motion approved